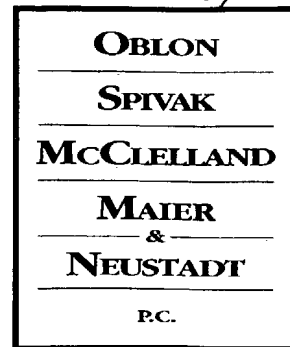




Docket No.: 243452US0X

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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/673,172  
Applicants: Yoshitaka SASAKI, et al.  
Filing Date: September 30, 2003  
For: THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND  
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF  
Examiner: I.J. LOBO

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Reply to Denial of Petition for Retroactive License under 35 U.S.C. §184  
Statement under 37 C.F.R. §5.25(a)(3) in Support of Petition for  
Retroactive License under 35 U.S.C. §184**

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Respectfully submitted,

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REPLY TO DENIAL OF PETITION FOR RETROACTIVE LICENSE  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 184

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In regard to the above-identified application, Petitioners submit the attached Declaration. The Declaration is submitted to fully meet the requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 5.25(a)(3). The Declaration is made by Yoshijiro Abe who is the person who had knowledge of the proscribed filing and made the decision to file abroad.

Petitioners now believe that all information required by 37 C.F.R. § 5.25(a) has now been submitted and Petitioners respectfully request that the Office grant the Petition.

Petitioners' U.S. representatives' address, facsimile number and telephone number are given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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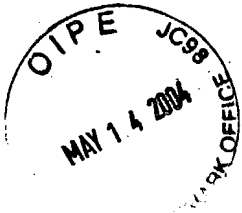
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RETROACTIVE LICENSE UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 184

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I, Yoshiji Abe, hereby certify that:

1. The above-identified application was not under a secrecy order at the time it was filed in Japan and it is not currently under a secrecy order.

2. I filed a corresponding application with the Japanese Patent Office on October 3, 2003 and learned that a first U.S. filing was required by U.S. law on February 10, 2004. I immediately sought advice from our U.S. representatives. Since then I have been diligently seeking a retroactive foreign filing license through our U.S. representatives.

3. I filed the application abroad through error and without deceptive intent. At the time I filed the application in Japan I did not know that U.S. law prohibited such filings. I discovered my error while looking through a file wrapper of an unrelated case and found a foreign filing license attached to the official filing receipt of the unrelated application. The

form cited 35 U.S.C. § 184 and after I checked the code I realized I should have obtained a foreign filing license for the above-identified application.

4. I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the United States of America that the foregoing is believed to be true and correct.



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Yoshiji Abe

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May 12, 2004

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Please find attached a communication from the Examiner regarding the  
Petition for Retroactive License under 37 CFR 5.25.



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Serial No.: 10/682,172 : UNDER 37 CFR 5.25  
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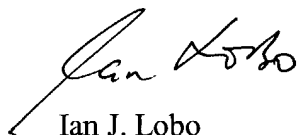
This is a decision on the petition filed on March 25, 2004 for retroactive foreign filing license.

37 CFR 5.25(a) requires the following:

1. A listing of each of the foreign countries in which the unlicensed patent application material was filed,
2. The dates on which the material was filed in each country,
3. A verified statement (oath or declaration) containing:
  - i. An averment that the subject matter in question was not under a secrecy order at the time it was filed abroad, and that it is not currently under a secrecy order,
  - ii. A showing that the license has been diligently sought after discovery of the proscribed foreign filing, and
  - iii. An explanation of why the material was filed abroad through error and without deceptive intent without the required license under § 5.11 first having been obtained, and
4. The required fee (§ 1.17(h)).

The petition is denied at this time since the requirements set forth in 37 CFR 5.25(a)(3)(iii) have not been fully met. The instant petition is filed by the firm of OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C., petitioners US representatives. However, to fully comply with the above requirements, what is needed is a verified statement or statements by the person or persons who had knowledge of the proscribed filing and made the actual decision to file. Such statement(s) should reference the error of not obtaining a foreign filing license. Further, statements of "error and without deceptive intent" must be supported by facts, they should not be merely conclusionary but must include how and why the "error" occurred.

- Accordingly, the provisions of 37 CFR 5.25 not having been fully met, the petition is denied, and
- in the absence of any response within **60 days** of the mailing date of this letter, such denial will be made final and the final action under 35 U.S.C. 185 will be taken. Extensions of time may be had under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

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**Certification of Translation**

**English Translation of Application Serial No. 10/673,172**

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